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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR STATISTICS ON US/ALGERIAN INVISIBLE TRADE

1. ALGERIA IS CURRENTLY RUNNING A HEAVY SURPLUS IN ITS VISIBLE TRADE WITH THE UNITED STATES. THE LATEST FIGURES AVAILABLE HERE SHOW U.S. EXPORTS (F.A.S.) OF \$288.5 MILLION TO ALGERIA AND U.S. IMPORTS (F.A.S.) OF \$1,219.5 MILLION FROM ALGERIA.

2. THE GOA GENERALLY TAKES A BILATERAL VIEW OF TRADE, AS WITNESS ITS COMPLAINTS TO FRANCE OVER THE LARGE ALGERIAN DEFICIT IN FRANCO-ALGERIAN TRADE. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH US ALGERIAN OFFICIALS RELUCTANTLY GRANT THAT THEIR VISIBLE TRADE WITH THE U.S. IS HEAVILY IN ALGERIA'S FAVOR BUT CONTEND THAT TRADE IN INVISIBLES WORKS THE OTHER WAY AND THAT TOTAL TRADE IN GOODS AND SERVICES IS NOT SIGNIFICANTLY OUT OF BALANCE. THEY POINT PARTICULARLY TO THE LARGE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS WON

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BY U.S. FIRMS IN RECENT YEARS.

3. THESE CONTRACTS DO CONTAIN ELEMENTS (ROYALTIES, FEES, ETC.) THAT SHOULD AND PRESUMABLY DO SHOW UP IN THE U.S. BALANCE OF PAYMENTS AS SERVICE RECEIPTS. THEY ALSO CONTAIN ELEMENTS THAT SHOW UP IN US/ALGERIAN VISIBLE TRADE STATISTICS AND STILL OTHER ELEMENTS THAT DO NOT ENTER THE U.S. BALANCE OF PAYMENTS AT ALL.

4. UNFORTUNATELY, WE HAVE NO FIGURES ON US/ALGERIAN INVISIBLE TRADE AND ARE UNABLE TO RESPOND ADEQUATELY TO THE ALGERIAN CLAIM THAT, INCLUDING SERVICES, US/ALGERIAN TRADE IS IN REASONABLE BALANCE LZGWBS#FIGURES ARE PUBLISHED FOR A FEW MAJOR COUNTRIES, MOST RECENTLY IN THE SEPTEMBER, 1976, SURVEY OF CURRENT BUSINESS. THE FIGURES FOR ALGERIA, HOWEVER, ARE LUMPED TOGETHER WITH MANY OTHERS UNDER THE HEADING "OTHER COUNTRIES IN ASIA AND AFRICA." COULD THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE BREAK OUT FOR US THE ALGERIAN FIGURES FROM THE FIGURES FOR "OTHER COUNTRIES IN ASIA AND AFRICA" IN LINES 1 THROUGH 27 ON PAGE 48 OF THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF THE SURVEY OF CURRENT BUSINESS?PARKER

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